

Garamendi Announces Members of the Commission For Economic Development Aerospace Advisory Committee

LOS ANGELES – In his keynote speech today at the “Transforming Space” 2007 Conference in Los Angeles Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi announced the members of the CA Commission for Economic Development Aerospace Advisory Committee. As Chairman of California’s Commission on Economic Development (CED), Garamendi’s speech highlighted the need for California to invest in developing the workforce of the future and is looking toward the Aerospace Advisory Committee to help the CED with that goal.

“As Lt. Governor, one of my top priorities has been working with Governor Schwarzenegger to rebuild the Commission for Economic Development,” said Garamendi. “I look forward to working with our partners in Aerospace technology to build a sustainable growth economy, create a 21st-century workforce, and maintain California’s position of leadership in the global marketplace.”

Six (6) Californians have been selected by the CED to serve on its Aerospace advisory committee. The advisory committee will make recommendations with respect to the status of aerospace business in the state and identify key challenges to the industry’s growth and offer recommendations for solutions. Additionally, they will provide input for the Commission’s annual report. The members are:

- Andrea Seastrand, Executive Director of the California Space Authority
- Celeste Ford, CEO of Stellar Solution
- Susan Sloan, Vice President of Mission Assurance, Raytheon Company
- Mark Sirangelo, CEO of SpaceDev
- Brig. Gen Len Kwiatkoski, Vice President of the Military Space Program at Lockheed Martin
- John Daegele, Vice President of Production and Supply Chain at Northrop Grumman Space Technology

In addition to his responsibility to foster economic growth through the CED, the Lieutenant Governor serves as a member of the governing boards of the University of California and California State University. Upon taking office, Garamendi pledged to use his role in these institutions to aggressively promote the creation of new, high wage jobs and build a sustainable economy for California’s future.

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